

Appln. No. 10/789,824  
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) An auxiliary handle device for use in conjunction with ~~conventional~~ handheld screwdrivers of the type including a shaft and a handle having a plurality of longitudinally-oriented and alternating flutes and channels, the device comprising:

a handle portion adapted for being grasped by a human hand; and  
a coupling portion, ~~said coupling portion selectively receiving~~  
defining a cavity configured to slidably and releasably receive a portion of the handle of a conventional the screwdriver, said coupling portion being operationally coupled to said handle portion such that rotation of said handle portion in a first direction imparts rotation in said first direction to said coupling portion and to the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver in turn;

wherein said handle portion has an exterior surface, said exterior surface having a substantially spherical portion and a substantially frustaconical portion extending between said substantially spherical portion and said coupling portion;

wherein said coupling portion further comprises a retaining means for selectively securing said coupling portion to the portion of the handle of the screwdriver; and

a leverage bar for facilitating application of additional torque to the handle of the screwdriver, said leverage bar being coupled to said coupling portion, said leverage bar having a longitudinal axis, said leverage bar member being positioned such that said longitudinal axis of said leverage bar extends substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said handle portion when said leverage bar is coupled to said coupling portion.

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2. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim 1, wherein said coupling portion further comprises a cylindrical perimeter wall forming a cavity portion, said cavity portion slideably receiving a portion of the handle of the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim [[[3]]]  
1, further comprising:

an aperture extending through said perimeter wall, said aperture having threads applied thereupon; and

said retaining means being a screw, said screw being threadable through said aperture to create an interference fit with the portion of the handle of the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver and an interior surface of said perimeter wall.

5. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim [[[3]]]  
1, further comprising:

a pair of apertures, each one of said apertures extending through an associated side of said perimeter wall, said apertures having threads applied thereupon; and

said retaining means being a pair of screws, each one of said pair of screws being threadable through an associated one of said pair of apertures to create an interference fit with the portion of the handle of the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver.

6. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim [[[3]]]  
1, wherein said retaining means further comprises a spring clamp.

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7. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim [[[3]]]  
1, wherein said retaining means further comprises a series of flutes  
positioned around an interior portion of said perimeter wall, said flutes  
being configured to be alignable with a series of the grooves extending  
along in the handle of the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver, said flutes and the  
grooves inhibiting to inhibit rotation of the screwdriver ~~with reference~~  
relative to the coupling portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim [[[3]]]  
1, wherein said retaining means further comprises a chuck assembly, said  
chuck assembly having a jaw portion closable around the portion of the  
handle of the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver.

9. through 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An auxiliary handle device for use in  
conjunction with ~~conventional~~ handheld screwdrivers of the type including a  
shaft and a handle having a plurality of longitudinally-oriented and  
alternating flutes and channels, the device comprising:

a handle portion adapted for being grasped by a human hand;

a coupling portion, said coupling portion selectively receiving a  
handle of a ~~conventional~~ screwdriver, said coupling portion being  
operationally coupled to said handle portion such that rotation of said  
handle portion in a first direction imparts rotation in said first direction to  
said coupling portion and to the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver in turn;

said coupling portion further comprises a cylindrical perimeter wall  
forming a cavity portion, said cavity portion slideably receiving a portion of  
the handle of the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver;

said coupling portion further comprises a retaining means, said  
retaining means selectively securing the portion of the handle of the  
~~conventional~~ screwdriver to said coupling portion; and

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a leverage bar member operationally couplable to said coupling portion, said leverage bar member having a longitudinal axis, said leverage bar member being positioned such that said longitudinal axis of said leverage bar member is substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said handle portion when said leverage bar member is operationally coupled to said coupling portion, said leverage bar member facilitating application of additional torque to the ~~conventional~~ screwdriver;

wherein said retaining means further comprises a series of flutes positioned around an interior of said perimeter wall forming said cavity portion, said flutes being configured to be alignable with grooves extending along the handle of the screwdriver to inhibit rotation of the screwdriver relative to the coupling portion.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle device of claim [[[12]]] 11, wherein said handle portion ~~being~~ substantially bulbous shaped.

14. (Currently Amended) The auxiliary handle portion of claim [[[12]]] 11, wherein said handle portion ~~being~~ is substantially shaped as a pistol grip.

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15. (New) In combination:

a handheld screwdriver including a shaft and a handle having a plurality of longitudinally-oriented and alternating flutes and channels; and an auxiliary handle device removably mounted on the screwdriver, the device comprising:

a handle portion adapted for being grasped by a human hand, said handle portion having an exterior surface, said exterior surface having a substantially spherical portion and a substantially frustaconical portion positioned adjacent to said substantially spherical portion; and

a coupling portion defining a cavity slidably and releasably receiving a portion of said handle of said screwdriver;

a retaining means on said coupling portion for selectively retaining and securing said coupling portion to the portion of the handle of the screwdriver such that rotation of said handle portion and said coupling portion in a first direction imparts rotation in said first direction to said screwdriver in turn;

wherein said retaining means further comprises a series of flutes positioned around an interior portion of said perimeter wall, said flutes being alignable with a series of grooves extending along the handle of the screwdriver, said flutes and the grooves inhibiting rotation of the screwdriver with reference to the coupling portion..

16. (New) The combination of claim 15, wherein the auxiliary handle device additionally comprises a leverage bar for facilitating application of additional torque to the handle of the screwdriver, said leverage bar being coupled to said coupling portion, said leverage bar having a longitudinal axis, said leverage bar member being positioned such that said longitudinal axis of said leverage bar extends substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said handle portion when said leverage bar is coupled to said coupling portion.